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Anthony Blunt, Former Spy, Left an Estate of \$1.2 Million

LONDON, Jan. 20 (AP) — Anthony Blunt, the former art adviser to Queen Elizabeth II and a onetime Soviet spy, left an estate worth \$1.2 million, his lawyers said today.

Almost all of the amount went to William J. Gaskin, 63 years old, who lives in the apartment he shared with Mr. Blunt until the former spy's death March 26 at age 75.

The only other monetary bequest was \$18,330, divided among Mr. Blunt's two nieces, a friend and his apartment building's porter, the London law firm of Smee & Ford said in a statement.

Mr. Blunt's spying was disclosed in 1979 by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. She said Mr. Blunt confessed in 1964 to being a Soviet spy while working for M.I.5, the British counterespionage service, during and after World War II, but that he was granted immunity in exchange for information about his associates, Guy Burgess, Donald MacLean and H. A. R. (Kim) Philby. He was permitted to remain as the art adviser to the royal family.

A renowned art historian, Mr. Blunt bequeathed his manuscripts, book copyrights and royalties, architectural photographs and engravings to the University of London's Courtauld Institute of Art, which he directed until 1974.